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Memo to East Timor solidarity groups

We need your help in recruiting members of **Parliamentarians for East Timor.** Enclosed please find several letters from Lord Avebury addressed to parliamentarians, with a Membership Form attached. Would you kindly pass these on to MPs who you think are likely to join. As you will see, Lord Avebury has asked those wishing to inscribe to return the form to us.

When you approach MPs, please tell them that this organisation plans to take a number of initiatives during the current parliamentary year, including:

- Lobbying of governments by MPs, asking that East Timor be placed on the agenda of the UN Human Rights Commission whose 1989 meeting commences at the end of February in Geneva.

- PET sections in several countries to make a formal request to the Indonesian ambassador for permission to send a fact-finding mission to East Timor. The terms of the request should make it clear that the mission would expect to have full freedom of movement to investigate reported human rights abuses and to try to assess people's attitudes towards the Indonesian presence in East Timor.

- To fix a date some time in Spring or Summer 1989 when PET sections in all countries simaltaneously lobby the Indonesian Embassy to express concern about the continuing Indonesian occupation of East Timor. A possible occasion would be when the IGGI meets in May or June.

- Each PET section to send an MP to New York in August 1989 to petition the UN Decolonisation Committee. Petitions by as many PET members as possible would have a good impact at the UN and help affirm the existence of this organisation.

We shall keep you informed of the names of MPs in your country who join PET. You would then be able to establish your own line of communication with them and help us disseminate news and appeals for action. It would greatly facilitate our work if, once members have been recruited, the secretariat in London could keep contact with one or two parliamentarians in each country acting as rapporteurs rather than having to write to each member.

Pleae keep us informed of any developments or problems that arise.

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